

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A hard disk drive comprising:

a medium recording information;

a head reading and writing of information with respect

5 to said medium;

a mechanism positioning said head on said medium;

an enclosure housing these components therein;

a hole formed in said enclosure passing air between the  
interior and the exterior of said enclosure; and

10 a controller controlling opening and closing of said hole  
in accordance with an operating condition of said medium.

2. A hard disk drive according to claim 1, wherein said  
controller closes said hole when the hard disk drive is not  
supplied with electric power.

15 3. A hard disk drive according to claim 1, further  
comprising a mechanism rotating said medium, wherein said  
controller closes said hole when said medium stops rotation.

4. A hard disk drive according to claim 1, wherein said  
controller opens said hole when the hard disk drive is supplied  
20 with electric power.

5. A hard disk drive according to claim 1, further  
comprising a mechanism rotating said medium, wherein said  
controller opens said hole upon rotation of said medium.

6. A hard disk drive according to claim 2, wherein said  
25 controller opens said hole when the hard disk drive is supplied

with electric power.

7. A hard disk drive according to claim 3, wherein said controller opens said hole when the hard disk drive is supplied with electric power.

5        8. A hard disk drive according to claim 2, further comprising a mechanism rotating said medium, wherein said controller opens said hole upon rotation of said medium.

9. A hard disk drive according to claim 3, further comprising mechanism rotating said medium, wherein said  
10    controller opens said hole upon rotation of said medium.

10. A hard disk drive according to claim 1, further comprising:

a mechanism rotating said medium; and

a solenoid operated valve controlled by said controller  
15    and which, when the supply of electric power to the hard disk drive is cut off, operates and closes said hole with an electromotive force which said mechanism rotating the medium generates.

11. A hard disk drive according to claim 1, further  
20    comprising:

a mechanism rotating said medium; and

an opening/closing mechanism which is controlled by said controller and which operates upon receipt of an air flow created by rotation of said medium.

25        12. A hard disk drive comprising:

a medium recording information;

a head reading and writing of information with respect  
to said medium;

a mechanism positioning said head on said medium;

5 an enclosure housing these components therein;

a hole formed in said enclosure passing of air between  
the interior and the exterior of said enclosure; and

a valve which opens said hole when a difference in pressure  
between the interior and the exterior of said enclosure reaches  
10 a predetermined value or more.

13. A hard disk drive according to claim 12, wherein said  
valve is opened and closed by a spring.

14. A hard disk drive according to claim 13, wherein said  
predetermined value of the pressure difference is set in terms  
15 of a spring coefficient of said spring.

15. A hard disk drive according to claim 12, wherein said  
valve is constituted by an elastic body with a slit formed  
therein.

16. A hard disk drive according to claim 15, wherein said  
20 predetermined value of the pressure difference is set in terms  
of an elastic modulus of said elastic body.

17. A hard disk drive according to claim 15, wherein said  
predetermined value of the pressure difference is set in terms  
of thickness of said elastic body.

25 18. A hard disk drive comprising:

means for recording information;

means for read and write of information with respect to  
said recording means;

means positioning said means for read and write on said  
5 recording means;

means for housing these means therein;

means for passing air between the inside and outside of  
said housing means; and

means for controlling opening and closing of said passing  
10 means in according to an operating condition of said recording  
means.

19. A hard disk drive according to claim 18, further  
comprising:

means for rotating said recording means, wherein  
15 said controlling means closes said passing means when  
said recording means stops its rotation.

20. A hard disk drive according to claim 18, further  
comprising:

means for rotating said recording means, wherein  
20 said controlling means opens said passing means when said  
recording means begins rotating.

21. A hard disk drive according to claim 18, further  
comprising:

means for rotating said recording means; and  
25 means for closing said passing means controlled by said

controlling means and operates by electromotive force generated by rotation of said rotating means, when electric power supplying to the hard disk drive is cut off.